

# JUMPING HORSES PRANCE IN ARENA

Colors Displayed and Applause of Dainty Hands Charm Garden Throng.

## LAUGHTER GREETING FOR MILITIA MOUNTS

Criticism of Awards Causes Buzz of Excitement—Mrs. McKay Withdraws Entry.

Ozone, Sunrise, Aeroplane, Skyscraper, The Wasp and Shotover! Good horses, all! Their names ought to give you an inkling of the event which drew all eyes at the horse show last night, even in competition with the opening night of the opera.

Jumping, that's it! These animals and sixty-seven others were entered for the cup offered by Judge William H. Moore for the best all-around jumper, ridden by an officer in uniform. And the number of colors which flashed around the arena to the tune of military music and the applause of dainty hands were nearly, if not altogether, as great an attraction as the horses.

Before the officers came on there were some qualified hunters dashing around the hurdles, each entered in the stud book for thoroughbreds, according to the rules of the contest. Before them the militia mounts went through their paces, ending with a jump over a green brushed fence hurdle. It was jumping day at the show, and, as such, brought delight and excitement to an appreciative audience.

### Laugh at Militia Mounts.

The militia mounts gave the audience something to laugh at, which it had been waiting for since the show began. Several of the horses just naturally refused to do anything their riders wanted, and instead of sympathizing the heartless crowd in the galleries gave way to unrestrained mirth.

Forager, entered by Lieutenant A. W. Booram, of the 1st Cavalry, New York, started to forage for trouble, and found it without so much as getting to the hurdle. Saginor, which Lieutenant T. B. Clark, of the same troop, exhibited, was so bashful that his rider couldn't even get him out of line.

A buzz of excitement was thrown into the arena during the afternoon by an undercurrent of criticism of some of the awards. The only one who actually came out with her resentment was Mrs. James B. McKay, who settled the matter before-hand by refusing to show her entry in the ladies' saddle horse class.

Mrs. McKay was quoted as saying there was no use of her appearing in the ring when one of the other contestants had an uncle on the jury. The same contestant, she was said to have declared, was favored by her sweetheart last year, when she exhibited in the same class.

It was understood that Mrs. McKay referred to Miss H. D. Atterbury, whose uncle, R. Lawrence Smith, is one of the judges of saddle horses. "Jack" Townsend, who was reported engaged to her last year, was one of the judges which awarded a blue ribbon to Nickel Plate, Miss Atterbury's animal, last season.

Nickel Plate brought down a red ribbon yesterday. He is going to be sold at auction at the Garden next Monday, having got the gate to this show for the first time.

The horses were on the jump in the afternoon, too. Two classes of hunters went over the bars, and five chargers, ridden by officers in uniform, the chosen of the fifteen, put through their paces at the preliminary judgment in the morning.

It was a toss up which event aroused the greatest interest in the galleries. The audience was said to see an American carry off the Plaza Cup in the chargers' event, and rose spontaneously into "The Star-Spangled Banner," but it was breathless intent also on the red-coated huntmen who dashed around the course three at a time.

It was just like a real hunt, except that there were no hounds or foxes, but it was picturesque following each other over the hurdles, and the brilliant uniforms against the dull red of the tankard. When the blue went to the trio from the Essex Foxhounds by a bare margin the audience gallantly included the vanquished Canadians in its applause.

The other hunters went around one at a time, but they produced a number of large sized thrills, nevertheless. Both of Robert J. Collier's entries, with Stillbridge up, bowled over the third hurdle. The rider showed as pretty a piece of horsemanship as the Garden has ever seen when Ballinacree hit the bars. Grabbing the gelding's neck, he hung on until the animal rose to the next hurdle, and then, by a quick pressure of the foot on the third rail, lifted himself into the saddle again. Even the old grooms behind the gates in the rear joined in the well-earned plaudits.

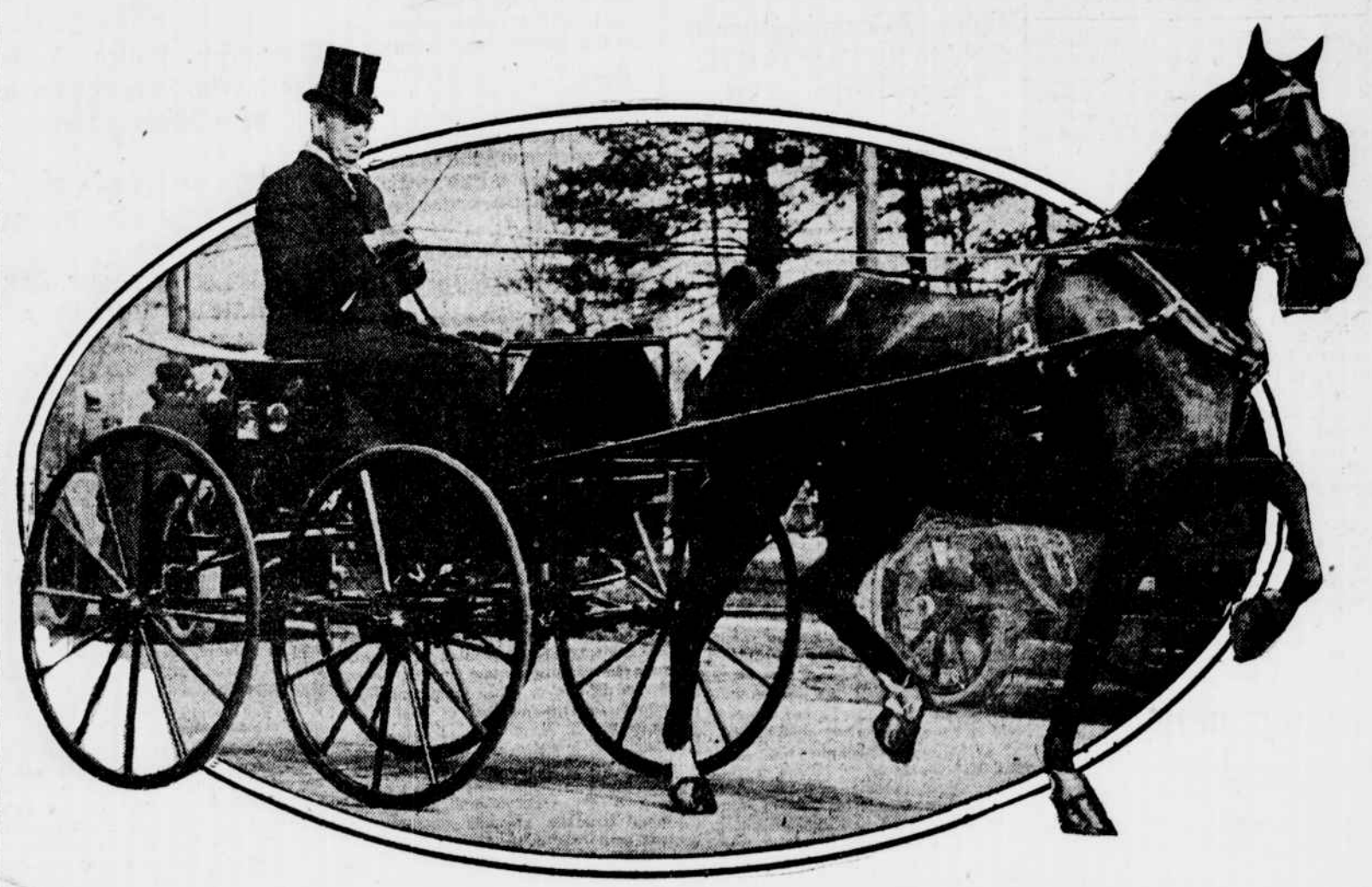
Many thought that Cesar, Mrs. Sidney J. Holloway's brown gelding, should have won the blue ribbon in this encounter, instead of the red which was awarded him. The grooms out back watched him with keenest interest, not so much for the horse as for the rider.

### Complains of Favoritism.

"That's him!" one of the old-timers exclaimed. "That's 'Old Holloway'! He's the greatest horse boy that ever rode a horse, sir. Been riding in this Garden ever since he was three feet high."

"His father, who was a horseman be-

## Judge William H. Moore Driving Lord Seaton, with Which He Won Another Blue Ribbon at Horse Show in Madison Square Garden Yesterday.



fore him, if there ever was one, wouldn't speak to 'Sid' if he fell off when he was a youngster. Spank him? No, sir. He just wouldn't talk to him for a day at a time, he was that disgusted. And now the kid can ride like blue blazes."

Miss Louisa Lane, of Kansas City, who is driving her entries with a broken left hand, received three weeks ago at the Kansas City show, was favored with a hearty ovation early in the afternoon when she drove Aspiration to a blue ribbon.

## Many New Faces Seen on Horse Show's "Appian Way"

Society More Liberal in Its Attendance on Second Day—Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakhmeteff Make First Appearance.

Society was more largely represented at yesterday's session of the Horse Show than on the opening day, and many new faces were seen in the boxes and strolling about the "Appian Way," as the promenade is called this year. The Russian Ambassador and Mme. Bakhmeteff made their first appearances and occupied their box No. 48. Major G. Creighton Webb was with them. In the adjoining box was Mrs. M. Bakhmeteff's niece and a party of friends, including Miss Angelica Gerry.

With Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury in box No. 45 was Mrs. William F. McCombs, wife of the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who arrived from Europe last week. They were married in London a fortnight ago. Others in the box were Lady Hadfield, of London; Mrs. E. Stanley Hutchins and Mrs. Katherine Bretton, of Washington; Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Harry S. Black and Ralph Bloomer.

Mrs. Joseph W. Harriman and Miss Miriam Harriman were in one of the arena boxes and had with them Miss Alexandra Emery and Miss Dorothy King.

In box No. 13, with Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Henry, of London; Mrs. Frederick Martin Davies, Mrs. Frederick Edey and Miss Julia Edey.

With Mrs. Edward L. Tinker in box No. 30 were Miss Susan Fish Dresser and W. Whitworth Watson.

Miss Kate Cary had with her in box No. 64 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton V. Cary and Miss Adele Colgate.

Among others seen were Mrs. Charles de Loosy Oelrichs, Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas, Mrs. Frederick Brooks, Miss Mary H. Brooks, Mrs. Edward N. Breitling, Captain and Mrs. P. A. McKenna, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Preston Harriet, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. Harriet Alexander, Mrs. Francis Hyde, Mrs. Henry Richard, Mrs. Henri P. Werthim, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. Charles G. Ayres, Henry Fairfax Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Church, Mrs. George L. Nichols, Miss Christina Nichols, Miss Julia W. Robbins, Miss Angelica Brown, Miss Marie Teller, Miss Eleanor R. L. Lawrence, Maurice Roche, R. Thornton Wilson, W. Bryce Wing, Mrs. Stuart Duncan, Miss Marion Stoddard, Miss Leola Burrill, Miss Mai Watson, Mrs. Morris Voick, Henry Brevoort Kane, John H. McCullough, Miss Elise Ladew, Miss Hil-da Holmes, Harvey S. Ladew, Miss Margaret Overton, Wilber A. Bloodgood, Fox-hall P. Keene, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., T. Chesley Richardson, Jr., Dr. John McGil-woodbury, Dr. James R. Hayden, Lewis E. Waring, James L. Breese, Henry W. Warner and W. Rhineland Stewart, Jr.

Mrs. Bakhmeteff was dressed in a brown cloth, with sable fur, and a large hat of black velvet, adorned with black plumes.

Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury was in a coat costume of old blue velvet, with

bon. Time after time she swept around the course, a wave of applause following her as she passed one competitor after another.

The morning session was given over largely to the judging of hackneys, more interesting to the early rising dealers and professionals than to society, which does not get around to the Garden until well along in the afternoon. Clarence H. Mackay's Lady Burns carried off one of the blue ribbons in the fillies class.

## EXPECT FERDINAND TO GIVE UP CROWN

Bulgarian King Gets Little Encouragement in Germany—Austria Fears Prince.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who arrived to-day in Coburg, is passing through such a crisis, according to well informed circles in Coburg and Berlin, that his abdication of the throne in favor of his son is possible and even probable, in spite of the denial published by the Bulgarian Legation here.

Austrian statesmen are understood to be doing their utmost to discourage his surrender of the throne, because they consider the young Crown Prince Boris likely to be influenced by the element among the Bulgarian ministers who are friendly to Russia.

King Ferdinand, at the same time, is receiving little encouragement in Germany, which is indisposed to assist the monarch whose star is believed to be setting. Emperor William and the German government have expressed themselves openly as friendly to Greece, and it is understood that King Ferdinand, who desired to come to Berlin, received the intimation that such a visit would be useless.

King Ferdinand, who is residing incognito at the palace in Coburg, spent this morning in prayer at the graves of his ancestors. He is the youngest son of the late Prince Augustus of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and was elected Prince of Bulgaria on July 7, 1887. He declared himself King in 1898 and was recognized as such by the powers.

## MRS. T. A. THOMPSON ILL U. S. Minister to Colombia Bringing Wife Home.

Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 17.—Thaddeus A. Thompson, United States Minister to Colombia, left for Barranquilla yesterday to sail for New York, owing to the illness of his wife. Leland Harrison, secretary of legation, will act as chargé d'affaires during his absence, and will continue the negotiations between the United States and the Colombian governments in connection with the claims of Colombia arising out of the partition of Panama.

The Colombian Congress was prorogued on Saturday till November 30, when it will take up the discussion of the tariff and of the petroleum and bank contracts recently entered into by the Colombian government.

## KEEL FOR A CUP DEFENDER

Bristol, R. I., Nov. 17.—Eighty-four tons of lead, to be used in the keel of the Vanderbilt syndicate 75-foot sloop being built for the America's Cup defense trials next season, was landed here to-day.

Preparations for actual construction work on the boat are going forward rapidly. The marine railway down which the yacht will slide was completed to-day, and an examination of the testing board for the boat's frame showed it to be satisfactory.

## Horse Show Judges Displease Exhibitors and Railbirds

Proud Prince Gets Blue Over Nickel Plate, to Surprise of the Crowd.

Unfortunately the criticism of the judges and general dissatisfaction of the exhibitors, which are so often a part of the Horse Show, are now in full swing at Madison Square Garden. On the opening day of the show there was a well grounded rumor that a number of the exhibitors in the saddle classes intended to withdraw their entries on account of the unpopularity of the judges' decision; however, all, with the exception of Mrs. James B. McKay, were on hand to try their luck again yesterday.

Mrs. McKay withdrew her chestnut mare, Lady Deborah, and it is rumored that the indignant young woman remarked that she would not show again until she could have a relative in the cotter of judges, as one of the exhibitors had. Although no definite stand has been taken as yet, those on the inside are expecting an upheaval at any moment.

A decision that gave the railbirds a shock was in the novice class for saddle horses not exceeding 15.2 hands. Here, with Grey Plover, Talsman, Sir Evelyn, Blue Mouse and Dr. Garner in the ring, the judges chose Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's bay gelding Supplement to wear the blue. When Commandant Feline, who, with R. Lawrence Smith, officiated, in the saddle classes, signified his intention of trying out Supplement, every one believed that they were going to have a chance to see the French officer ride a side saddle.

To their evident disappointment, however, Supplement's saddle was changed before Judge Feline essayed to mount him. Evidently Supplement was quite satisfactory, for he was first choice, with Oakleigh Thorne's Shortstreet in second place.

Sir Evelyn, the hero of a hundred battles, had the unusual experience of leaving the ring with a yellow ribbon on his bridle, and Mrs. John Gerken's lot was an H. C., which she took with Margaret Tate.

Another decision which brought exclamations of surprise from all parts of the Garden was when Harry Garbutt's black hunter, Proud Prince, took the blue ribbon in the class for women's saddle horses over 15.2 hands. Proud Prince was remembered by many of the spectators as having distinguished himself a few seasons ago when he was shown in the hunters class. He nearly killed his rider, and gave an exhibition which never will be forgotten.

Mrs. J. O'Donohue rode him yesterday, but even in her clever hands he seemed to be getting ahead of himself, so to speak, when he was asked to trot. After the blue ribbon was fastened on his bridle he refused to circle the ring, and Mrs. O'Donohue was forced to take him from the ring. This was in a class where manners were half the battle.

Miss Hopeton D. Atterbury rode Nickel Plate, and, as far as could be grasped by the lay mind, he was as good as he was last year, when he went from novice to champion. Miss Atterbury is one of the best sportswomen in the country, and never has been known to question a decision in the show ring, but it is said that she expressed herself rather forcibly in regard to the red ribbon which was her lot in this class. Miss Ellen Rasmussen rode Sir Evelyn, and drew another yellow ribbon, the white going to Miss Lida Fleitmann, on Grey Plover.

The awards follow:

Class 11 (hackney stallions, four years old and over, 14.2 and under 15.1 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, William du Pont's ch. m. Montpelier Sensation; second, Broadview Farm's ch. g. m. Kirbyburn Lady.

Class 14 (hackney mares, 15.1 hands and over, must be in foal or have produced a foal in 1913): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Miss Anne Vauclair's ch. m. Bury Surprise; second, Willden Farm's ch. m. Kirbyburn Lady; third, William du Pont's ch. m. Kirbyburn Lady.

Class 15 (hackney mares, over 14.2 and under 15.1 hands, must be in foal or have produced a foal in 1913): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Major C. W. MacLean's ch. m. England's Pride; second, Sandy Point Farm's ch. m. Shiloh Venus; third, William du Pont's ch. m. Rosedale Gertie; fourth, Sandy Point Farm's ch. m. Marie Temper.

Class 17 (hackney fillies, foaled in 1911; first prize, \$75; second prize, \$35; third prize, \$15): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Auburn Farm's ch. m. Auburn Snowflake; second, Auburn Farm's ch. m. Princess Patricia; third, Sandy Point Farm's ch. m. Sandy Point Fascination; fourth, Clarence H. Mackay's ch. m. Miss Burns.

Class 18 (hackney mares and fillies, in competition for the International Horse Show Challenge Cup—won by Miss Anne Vauclair's ch. m. Bury Surprise; reserve, Major C. W. MacLean's ch. m. England's Pride): first prize, \$200; second prize, \$100; third prize, \$50.—First, George A. Heyl's ch. m. Dinah; second, George A. Heyl's ch. m. Dinah; third, George A. Heyl's ch. m. Dinah; fourth, William H. Moore's ch. m. Bagthorpe Queen.

Class 21 (hackney mares, not over 14.2 hands, must be in foal or have produced a foal in 1913): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.



MARQUIS D'OEGERIX, Lieutenant, 24 Hussars, one of the representatives of the French army at the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.

third prize, \$25.—First, the Willbrook Farm's ch. m. Little Lady; second, Auburn Farm's ch. m. Nul Valley Best of All; fourth, Auburn Farm's ch. m. Nul Valley Best of All.

Class 40 (pairs of novice harness horses, over 14.2 and not exceeding 15.1 hands): first prize, \$150; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, Miss E. Vauclair's ch. m. Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; second, Oakland Farm's ch. m. Queen and Grace; third, Oakland Farm's ch. m. Pine and Solitaire.

Class 84 (novice saddle horses exceeding 15.2 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement; second, Oakleigh Thorne's ch. g. Shortstreet; third, Walter Harbutt's ch. g. Sir Evelyn; fourth, Mrs. John Gerken's ch. m. Margaret Tate.

Class 85 (novice saddle horses, not exceeding 15.2 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration; second, Harold Thorne's ch. m. Shortstreet; third, Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; fourth, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration.

Class 108 (officers' charges up to carrying 250 pounds in competition for the Plaza Cup): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25.—First, Major Howard K. Brown's ch. g. Trotter; second, Captain L. H. Ball's ch. g. Chiswell; third, Captain J. R. Lindsey's ch. g. Experiment; fourth, Lieutenant Baron de Nelson's ch. m. Amazeur.

Class 49 (handicap, exceeding 15.1 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, William H. Moore's ch. g. Lord Seaton; second, Miss E. Vauclair's ch. m. Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; third, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration; fourth, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration.

Class 91 (dainty saddle horses, in competition for the Colin Campbell cup; manners to count 50 per cent; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25)—First, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement; second, Miss H. D. Atterbury's ch. m. Nickel Plate; third, Walter H. Harbutt's ch. g. Sir Evelyn; fourth, M. P. Goodbody's ch. m. Babette.

Class 43 (hackney horses, over 15.2 hands, not exceeding 15.1 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, William H. Moore's ch. g. Lord Seaton; second, Miss E. Vauclair's ch. m. Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; third, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration; fourth, Miss Louisa Lane's ch. m. Aspiration.

Class 121 (hunt teams of three qualified hunters, to be shown by the master, with appointments to count 25 per cent; horses 25 per cent; performance over fences 50 per cent; first prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25)—First, Captain R. M. S. Richardson's ch. g. Dan Leno.

Class 45 (hackney horses, over 14.2 and not exceeding 15.1 hands): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, William H. Moore's ch. g. Lord Seaton; second, Miss E. Vauclair's ch. m. Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; third, Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent; fourth, Broadview Farm's ch. m. Babette and Habent.

Class 89A (saddle horses over 14.2 hands and not exceeding 15.1 hands, up to carrying 160 pounds): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, Captain W. T. Rodden's ch. g. Outpost; second, Mrs. Sidney J. Holloway's ch. g. Cesar; third, Colonel the Hon. Clifford Sifton's ch. g. Siburgh; fourth, Captain R. M. S. Richardson's ch. g. Dan Leno.

Class 57 (mares or geldings, shown to ladies, phaetons, with rumbles; ladies to drive; horses to count 50 per cent, phaetons 50 per cent): first prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50.—First, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement; second, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement; third, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement; fourth, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's ch. g. Supplement.

Class 109 (militia mounts, 15 to 16 hands high, undocked; to be ridden by members of militia of any state, in dress uniform, without side arms; prizes, cups)—First, Allen S. Broadbent's ch. m. Justice, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, N. G. N. Y.; second, Sergeant Charles McDougall's ch. g. Covington, 24 Cavalry, N. G. N. Y.; third, William Spinger Mitchell's ch. g. Dragon, 1st Cavalry, N. G. N. Y.; fourth, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, N. G. N. Y.

Class 110 (thoroughbred, green or qualified hunters; first prize, \$200; second prize, \$100; third prize, \$50)—First, The Hon. Clifford Sifton's ch. g. Cleveland; second, Lieutenant Clifford Sifton's ch. g. Siburgh; third, Arthur A. Lawler's ch. g. Rockeress; fourth, H. L. Houghton's ch. g. Strongheart.

## EAST INDIANS ON STRIKE IN AFRICA

Britain Faces Situation Like Japanese Situation in California.

## PLANTATIONS BURNED NEAR DURBAN, NATAL

Immigration Color Line Disliked—Hindus and Mahometans Abroad Lend Aid.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, Nov. 18.—A campaign started by British East Indians, in South Africa, against the color line in South Africa's immigration law, is assuming serious proportions. In Natal a strike occurred among Indian laborers on sugar plantations near Durban. Plantations were burned and conflicts occurred between the strikers and the police.

A general strike of Indian workers of all kinds was started in Durban. The Indians' campaign was organized by Chand, an Indian barrister, who was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

The Indians demand removal of the racial bar in the new immigration act, which prohibits the migration of Indians from one province to another, and the removal of a \$15 poll tax on Indians in Natal.

The Indians of South Africa are receiving support both from Hindus and Mahometans in India, where the agitation in their favor has been started by Gokhale, an Indian Nationalist leader.

Durban, Natal, Union of South Africa, Nov. 17.—The East Indian residents of Natal to-day declared a general strike, which was accompanied by rioting and the burning of sugar plantations. The police force is insufficient to deal with the rioters, and white women and children are in a state of terror. Troops have been ordered to some of the disaffected districts.

In Durban itself practically the whole East Indian community struck work and became so aggressive that a demand was made for the proclamation of martial law. In the country districts hundreds of acres of sugar cane were burned.

The revolt of the East Indians was brought about by the exclusive laws in force against them here. It had hitherto been passive, but developed to-day into violent action.

The question of the British East Indians has reached an acute stage because nearly every dominion and colony to which these British subjects emigrate has either barred them or has legislation which very effectively prevents them from entering or remaining in those places.

The British imperial government, having more to say in the government of the crown colonies than it has in that of the dominions, has taken steps to make the life of the East Indians in those colonies more bearable. A commission, composed of a member of the British Indian government and an East Indian of industrial experience, is visiting the crown colonies to which indentured immigration is still permitted for a thorough investigation into the conditions of employment of East Indians, and generally into their position and treatment in those colonies.

In the dominions the imperial government, which would have Indians treated as are other British subjects, is faced with exactly the same difficulty as the federal government at Washington has to deal with in connection with California's anti-Japanese legislation. The people of the dominions insist upon having "white men's countries."

In Australasia East Indians, like all other Asiatics, are being barred out under the operation of the new law which empowers the state governments to make the entry of East Indians conditional on their ability to pass an examination in a European language, which they may not understand, and in New Zealand legislation of a similar nature is being prepared. It will be noticed that not English, but any European language, may be the test.

In South Africa, to the many other disabilities imposed on East Indians, another has been added by a decision of the High Court. This declared that the wives, even if sole wives, are not wives before the law of the Union if they have been made so under the rites which also allow polygamous marriages.

In Canada East Indians are still refused admission, in spite of an arrangement which Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, has stated has been made with the Canadian government by which special permits are to be issued to East Indians desirous of visiting Canada. As in South Africa, East Indians who have acquired domiciliary rights in Canada are not allowed to bring their wives and children into the country, owing to a provision in the immigration law which requires that they shall reach Canada by an unbroken voyage from British India.

As there is no direct steamship communication between the two countries, this provision cannot be complied with, and British Columbia is further embarrassing the imperial government by threatening more legislation to keep out not only British East Indians, but subjects of England's ally, Japan.

German producers hitherto had favored holding the Antwerp syndicate to its contract to take over the entire output from German Africa, but the government eventually converted them to the policy adopted by the British diamond trust of withholding stones from the market in bad times, and thus maintaining prices in the hope that conditions would improve.

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## GEMS HELD FROM MARKET

German Government Concur with English Diamond Trust.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The German government to-day placed a limit on the quantity of diamonds from German Africa put on the market, the large producer of which had threatened to bring about a break in prices.

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## WAIL OVER UNPAID DEBTS OF STATES

"The Financial Times," of London, Publishes Open Letter to Wilson.

## COMPARES RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

President's Attitude Toward Mexico Contrasted with What Happened in Panama in 1903.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, Nov. 17.—"The Financial Times" publishes a long open letter to President Wilson, saying that while the United States refuses to allow Central American republics to take advantage of its protection to repudiate their debts, "though the sole defaulter of Spanish America to-day is the backward financially and embarrassed Republic of Honduras, there is in the progressive wealthy North American Union at least nine states whose obligations for many years past have remained unpaid—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia."

"The Financial Times" says the defaulted debts, with accrued interest, are estimated at over \$2,500,000,000, though owing to the long period a very considerable proportion of the bonds originally outstanding have no doubt disappeared for various causes.

"It should be particularly noted," says the letter, "that these were not war debts, such as Confederate State bonds, but were for public improvements, from which the states derived benefit."

The London paper says the excuses offered are all lame, and that "it must be unpleasant for the educated classes of the Southern States to see the Republic of Liberia, peopled to some extent by their own released slaves, entering an honorable arrangement with its creditors to pay the debt to which they could have pleaded that they did not receive a proper benefit and to issue the original loan, accompanied by gross irregularities."

The argument is made that if some of the Southern States plead that the debts made were during the reconstruction period, it certainly in that case is up to the federal government to fix the debt contracted by their own representatives. It also pointed out that the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution prevents citizens of other countries from bringing the defaulting states into court.

President Wilson's attitude toward Mexico is contrasted by "The Financial Times" with the editor's version of what happened in Panama in 1902.

"There is no question," he says, "that the Colombian constitution was then allowed to stand in the way. A rebel government was instantly recognized, and an appeal to the United States on behalf of the holders of an external debt that the new Republic of Panama be made to assume a fair share of the Colombian debt was ignored."

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